



County Board Finance & Audit Committee

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COUNTY BOARD 2011 BUDGET BLAST: NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's Finance & Audit Committee held its final meeting on the [County Executive's 2011 Recommended Budget](#). Since early October, the Committee has met more than a dozen times to amend and adopt specific departments and items within the budget.



Finance & Audit Committee hearing testimony from County Executive Scott Walker on November 3, 2010

Today, the Committee **voted to approve** the following Amendments to the 2011 County Budget:

- 7-0 to study the wage classification of the following positions: Highway Maintenance Manager, Assistant Highway Maintenance Manager, Mechanical Services Manager
- 7-0 to transfer one position of Accountant 4 from the Treasurer's Office to the DAS Accounting Section
- 7-0 to pursue changes in Wisconsin State Law to permit the County Board of Supervisors to remove appointed department heads upon a two-thirds vote of the County Board.
- 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) to reduce the use of contract personal services – short term (temporary help) to reflect fiscal constraints.
- 7-0 to direct the Employee Benefits Workgroup to study what steps must occur to cap the backdrop pension benefit at a future point in time, including legal guidance as to how best to proceed and an actuarial study of the impact of such an action.
- 7-0 to increase state exempt computer aid
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) to direct the Division of Intergovernmental Relations to obtain changes in State law and the Wisconsin Constitution to allow Milwaukee County to abolish the functions of County Treasurer and Register

of Deeds and consolidate them into the County Clerk's office to streamline County administration/customer service functions that currently are being performed by separate constitutional offices, and potentially achieving tax savings

- 7-0 to approve technical corrections to the amendment relating to the Farm and Fish Hatchery operations and renew the lease with the Hunger Task Force.
- 7-0 to conduct a feasibility study on relocating MCTS Route 80 at General Mitchell International Airport
- 7-0 to create an inspection unit (consisting of one Mechanical Services Manager, one Carpenter, one Electrician, one Mason and one Steamfitter/Welder) in the Director's Office of the Department of Transportation & Public Works to develop a proposal for how this unit will perform their duties with other County departments.6-1 (No: Johnson) to provide the Parks Director the flexibility to set fees lower or up to an additional 10% higher than the 2010 Adopted Budget in order to respond in a timely manner to changing market competition, weather conditions, etc.
- 7-0 to approve reprogramming the general obligation bond proceeds from Lincoln Blatz Pavilion and Schulz Aquatic Center to a new capital project to renovate Lindbergh Park Pavilion.
- 7-0 to approve Offset to Internal Service Charges to correspond with the actions taken by the Finance Committee.
- 7-0 to approve a study of alternative uses for Moody Pool.
- 6-1 (No: Schmitt) Property Taxes as amended
- 6-1 (No: Schmitt) 2010 Budget as amended

The Committee voted 6-1 (No: Schmitt) to approve a property tax levy of \$268,527,504, an increase of \$5,262,764 (1.999%) from 2010.

The Committee then voted 6-1 (No: Schmitt) to approve the amended 2011 Budget, which includes expenditures of \$1,286,151,961, a decrease of \$174,139,561 (-11.925%) from 2010.

The County Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Chairman Lee Holloway, will adopt the County's 2011 Budget on Monday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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